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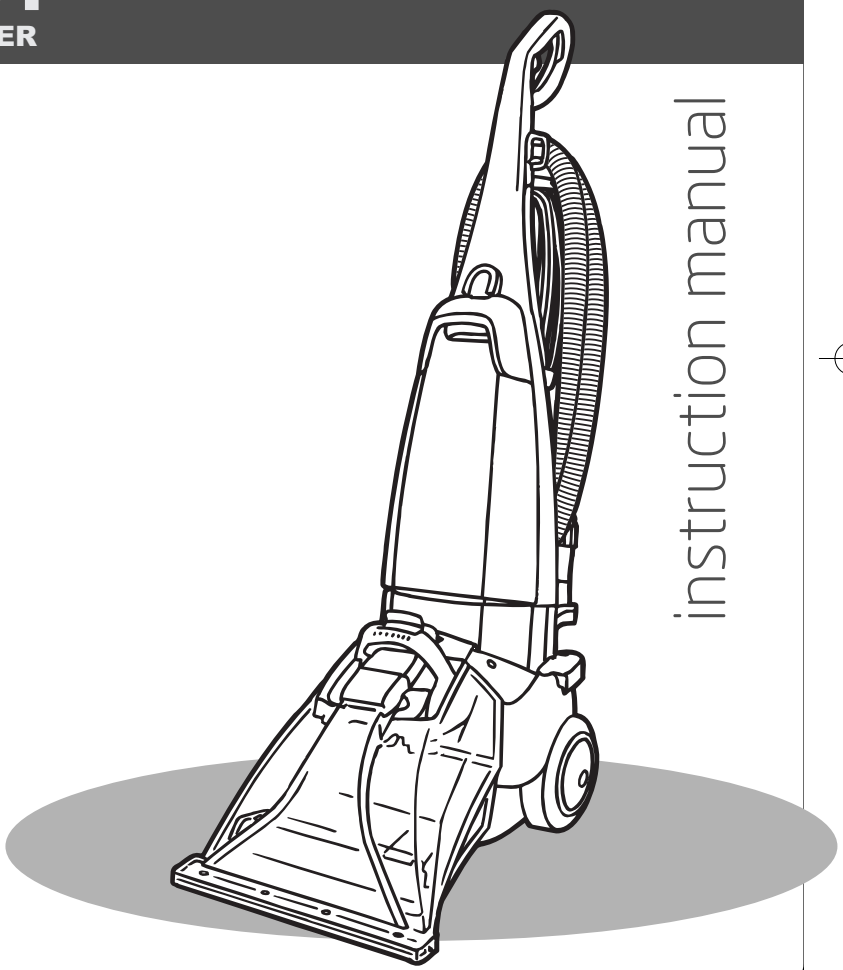
Carpet Washer
VCW-01
CARPET WASHER

Vax model number:
VCW-01



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Please read carefully before using this cleaner.
Always fully extend the mains cable before use.
Retain for future reference.

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1. Diagram

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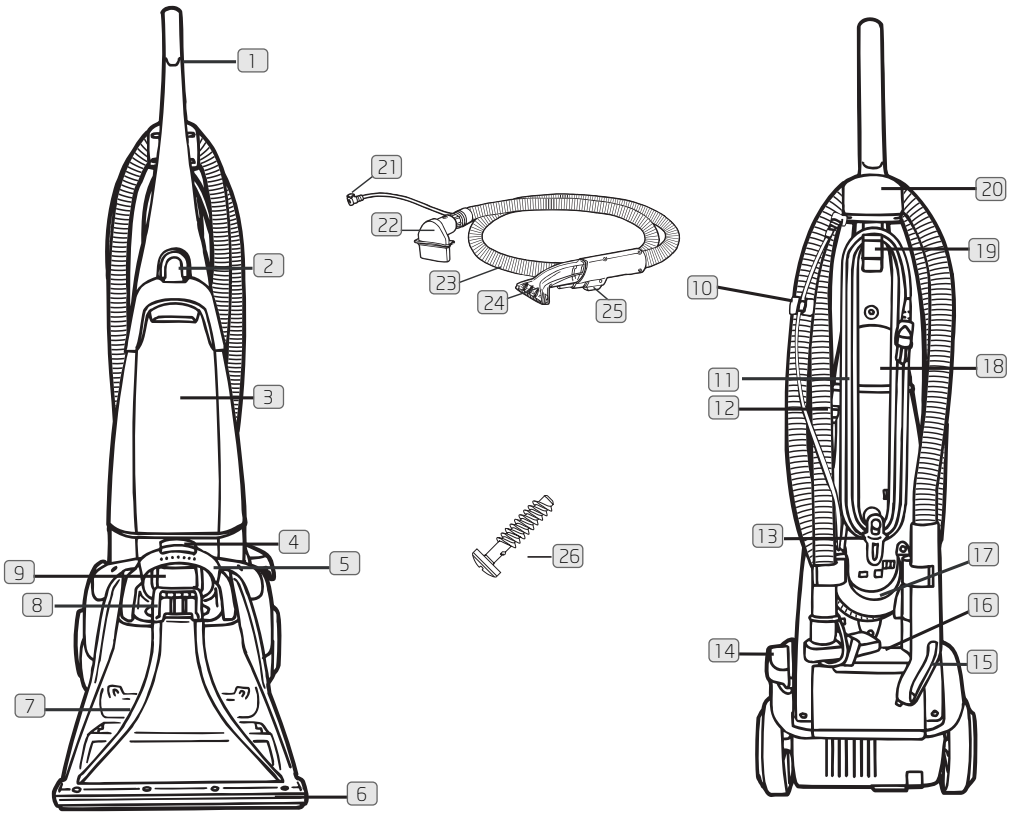

Fig.1/1

1. Handle
2. Clean Water Tank Latch
3. Clean Water Tank
4. Dirty Water Tank Latch
5. Dirty Water Tank Handle
6. Brushbar
7. Dirty water tank
8. Dirty water tank door
9. Dirty water tank lid
10. Solution tube clip
11. Power cord
12. Lower cord clip
13. Lower cord wrap with quick cord release
14. Power on/off pedal
15. Solution tube port
16. Handle release pedal
17. Tool caddy
18. Carry handle
19. Cord wrap
20. Hose wrap
21. Solution tube
22. Upholstery/stair hose adaptor
23. Upholstery/stair hose
24. Upholstery/stair attachment
25. Solution spray trigger
26. 8x Screws

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2. Safety Information

When using the carpet washer, basic safety precautions should always be observed, including the following:

1. Do not leave the carpet washer unattended when plugged in. Unplug it from socket when not in use.
2. To prevent electric shock do not use outdoors.
3. Not to be used as a toy. Close supervision is necessary when used by or near children or the infirm.
4. Use only as described in this manual.
5. Do not use with a damaged cord or plug. If the supply cord and/or plug is damaged, they must be replaced by the manufacturer, a Vax Service Agent or similarly qualified persons in order to avoid hazard.
6. Do not pull or carry by the cord, use the cord as a handle, allow the cord to come into contact with hot or sharp surfaces or close a door on the cord.
7. Do not unplug by pulling on the cord.
8. Do not handle the plug or carpet washer with wet hands.
9. Do not put any objects into openings or operate with openings blocked, keep them free of anything that may reduce airflow.
10. Keep hair, loose clothing fingers and all parts of the body away from openings and moving parts.
11. Do not use the carpet washer on any glowing, burning or smoking particles.
12. Do not use without the solution tank and dirty water tank in place.
13. Turn off all controls before unplugging.
14. Do not use to pick up flammable or combustible liquids such as petrol, or use in areas where they may be present.
15. Keep the carpet washer on the floor.
16. Regularly examine the supply cord for damage such as cracking or ageing. If damage is found the power cord should be replaced before further use.
17. Do not attempt to remove blockages with sharp objects as they may cause damage.
18. Store indoors put away after use to prevent tripping accidents.
19. Using improper voltage may result in damage to the motor and possible injury to the user. The correct voltage is listed on the rating label.
20. A hazard may occur if the carpet washer runs over the power supply cord.
21. Disconnect from the mains supply before filling, emptying, servicing or conducting any maintenance on the machine

⚠ NOTE: Carpets should be dry vacuumed thoroughly before washing.

⚠ NOTE: If the supply cord is damaged, it must be replaced by the manufacturer, a Vax service agent or similarly qualified persons in order to avoid hazard.

⚠ NOTE: The carpet washer must be unplugged from the mains socket outlet after use, and before cleaning or maintaining the carpet washer.

This appliance is suitable for commercial use, for example in hotels, schools, hospitals, factories, shops and offices

PLEASE KEEP THESE INSTRUCTIONS FOR FURTHER USE.

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3. Preparing the Machine

Assembling the carpet washer

Stand base in upright position. Push mid-section onto base by aligning tabs on inside of mid-section with the pockets on the base (Fig.3/1).

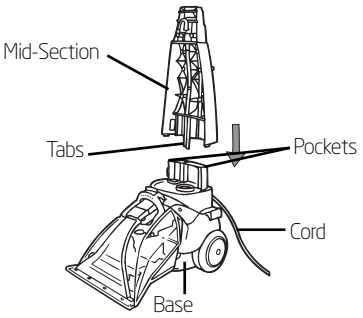

Fig.3/1

Insert 4 lower handle/tool caddy screws and tighten until secure (Fig.3/2).

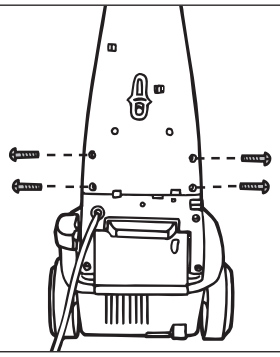

Fig.3/2 Back View

Slide upper handle down onto unit (Fig.3/3).

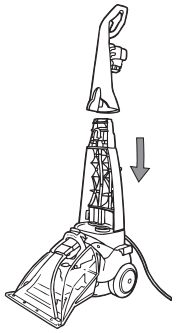

Fig.3/3 Upper Handle

Insert the upper handle screw (as shown) and tighten until secure (Fig.3/4).

⚠ NOTE: Make sure the power cord is out of the way to avoid pinching.

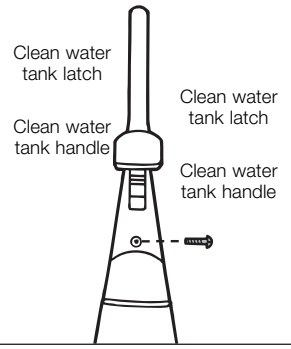

Fig.3/4 Back View

Caddy Assembly

Align tool caddy with screw holes on mid-section and base (Fig.3/5).

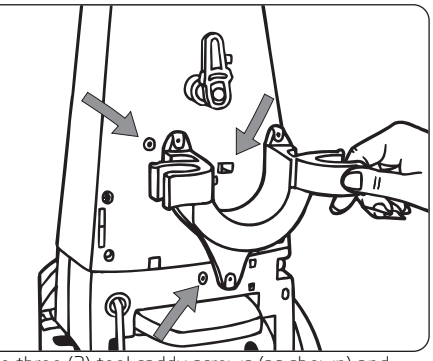

Fig.3/5

Insert the three (3) tool caddy screws (as shown) and tighten until secure (Fig.3/6).

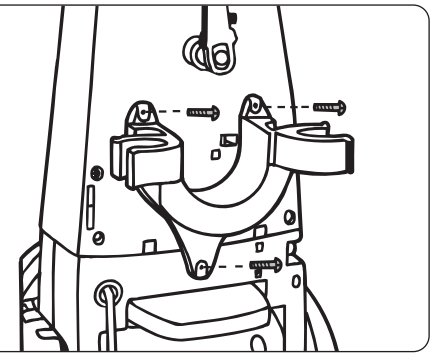

Fig.3/6

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Cord Storage

Wrap cord around upper and lower cord wraps. Clip plug to cord to secure for storage (Fig.3/7).

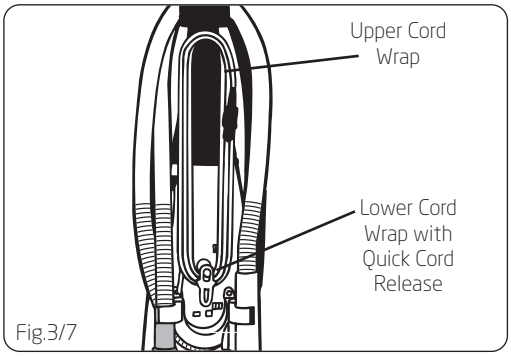

Fig.3/7

Tool Storage

Place Upholstery/Stair hose adaptor, Upholstery/Stair hose, and the Upholstery/Stair attachment into their storing locations (Fig.3/8).

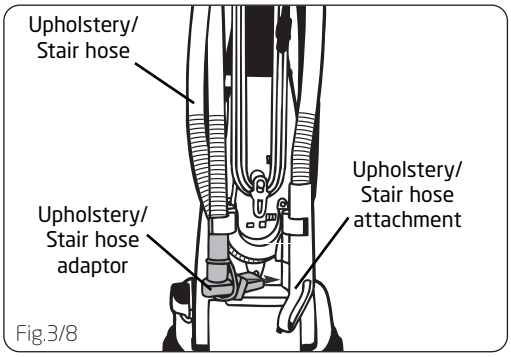

Fig.3/8

Slide the adaptor end of hose into the left clip on tool caddy (Fig.3/9).

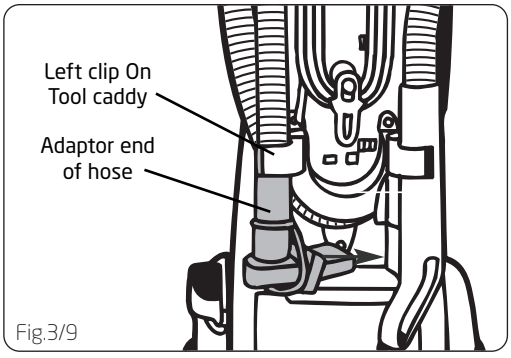

Fig.3/9

Run hose from the tool caddy to the upper hose wrap and press into hose clip No.1 (Fig.3/10).

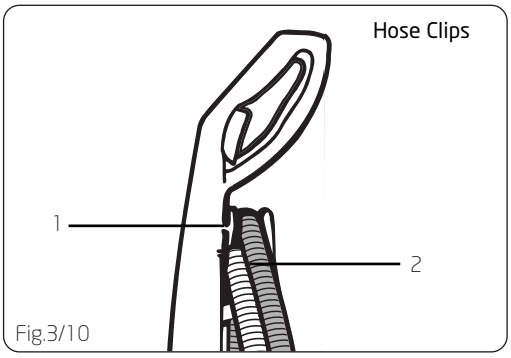

Fig.3/10

Continue wrapping hose clockwise, aligning hose into groove on the bottom hose clip (Fig.3/11).

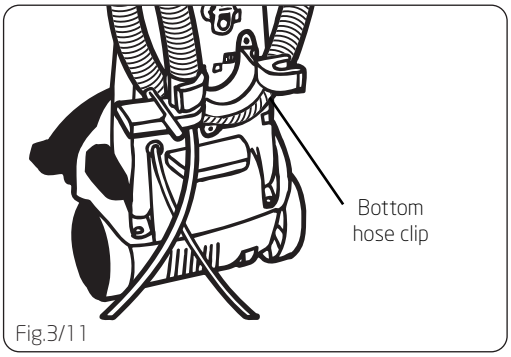

Fig.3/11

Wrap hose back to the upper hose wrap and press into hose clip No.2 (Fig.3/10).

Slide upholstery tool attachment handle into the right clip of the tool caddy (Fig.3/12).

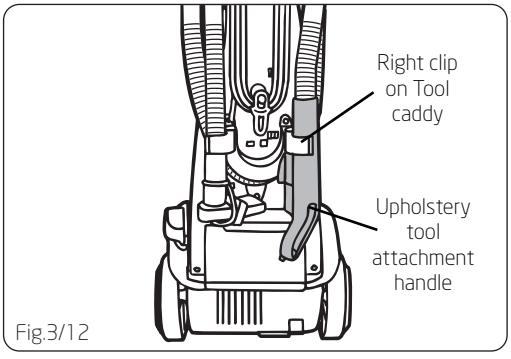

Fig.3/12

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4. Preparing the Carpet

IMPORTANT: DO NOT USE THE CARPET WASHER AS A DRY VACUUM.

1. Vacuum carpet thoroughly. Use a vacuum cleaner with a revolving brushbar for best results.
2. Remove as much furniture from the room as possible. If unable to remove the furniture, place plastic or foil under and around the legs until the carpet has dried completely.

HELPFUL HINTS FOR CLEANING CARPET:

1. Only use Vax AAA Carpet Cleaner with this carpet washer.
2. Do not oversaturate carpet with cleaning solution while using the carpet washer.
3. For heavily soiled areas, additional applications may be necessary.
4. Allow plenty of time to dry carpet thoroughly.
5. Wipe cleaning solution from woodwork and wood to prevent any damage.
6. Try not to walk on carpet until it is completely dry.
7. After carpet is thoroughly dry, vacuum the carpet using a vacuum cleaner with a revolving brushbar.
8. Before cleaning, determine where to start and end, making sure not to walk over previously cleaned areas.

CHECK FOR COLOUR FASTNESS:

Before cleaning carpet, test for colour fastness. Dampen a white cloth with solution. Test a small area in a closet. Gently rub the cloth over the area. Check each colour for colour bleeding. If the cloth remains clean, it should be safe to clean the carpet.

AFTER CLEANING:

- Allow carpet to dry completely. Try not to walk on the carpet until it is dry.
- If it is necessary to walk on the carpet, place white towels on the areas to be walked on.
- If the carpet is not dry and the furniture must be placed back in the room, use plastic or foil under the furniture to prevent staining the carpet.
- Thoroughly clean the dirty water tank with warm (max 40°C) tap water.

5. How to Operate

Grasp clean water tank under handle while pressing clean water tank latch. Tilt clean water tank away from cleaner and remove (Fig 5/1).

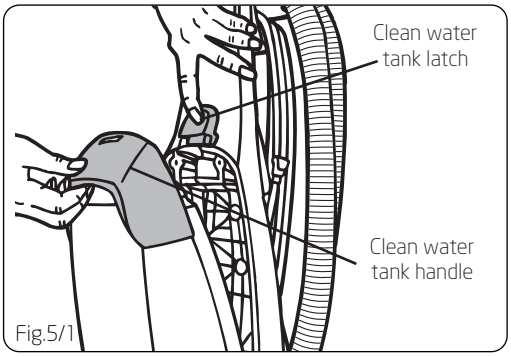

Fig.5/1

Unscrew measuring cap from back side of clean water tank (Fig 5/2).

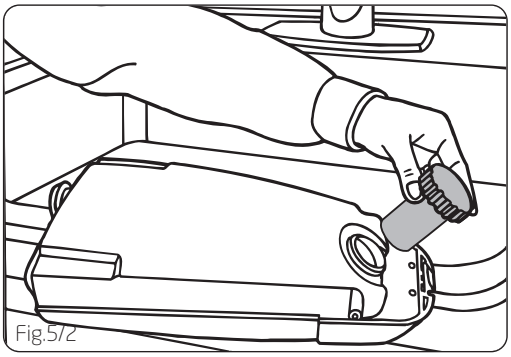
Fig.5/2

Fill measuring cap with solution. Pour into clean water tank (Fig 5/3).

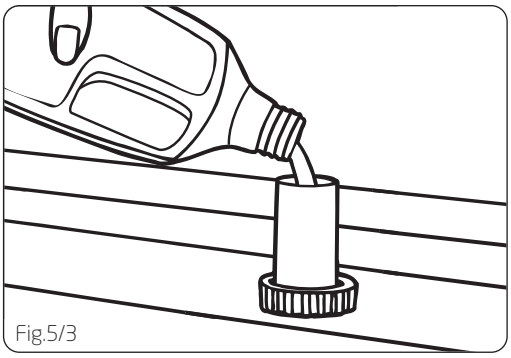
Fig.5/3

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6. Carpet Cleaning

Fill remainder of clean water tank with warm (max 40°C) tap water. Replace cap (Fig 6/1).

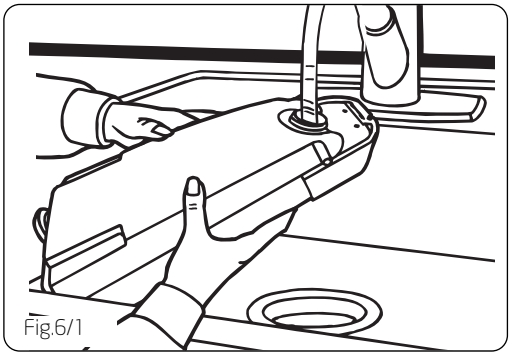

Fig.6/1

Place bottom of clean water tank into carpet washer and rotate top into position until the clean water tank Latch snaps into place (Fig 6/2).

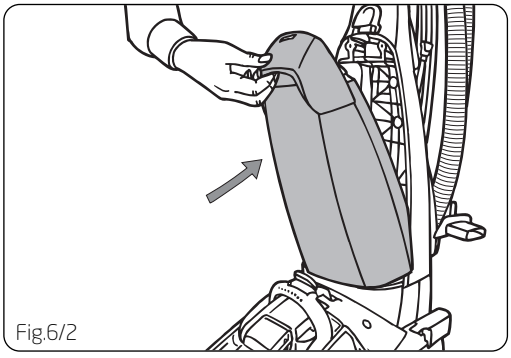

Fig.6/2

Plug cord into electrical socket. Step on the power on/off pedal to turn cleaner on (Fig 6/3).

⚠ NOTE: Never leave unit unattended with power on. Turn off when emptying and filling tanks. Do not oversaturate the carpet.

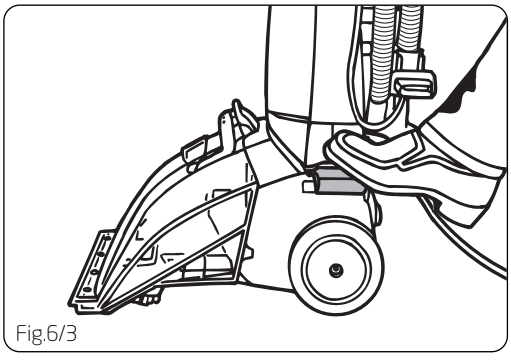

Fig.6/3

Step onto handle release pedal to put into cleaning position (Fig 6/4).

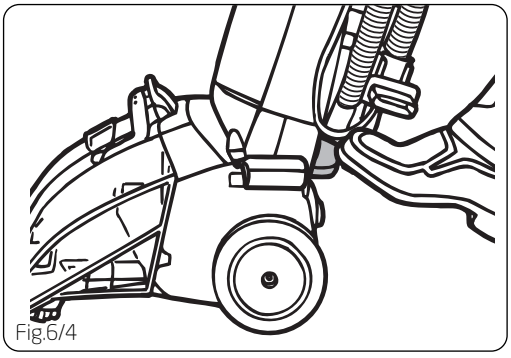

Fig.6/4

While depressing solution spray trigger, push carpet washer in forward motion. Release trigger and pull unit backwards in same path to remove dirty water and solution from carpet. (For heavily soiled areas, repeat if necessary) (Fig 6/5).

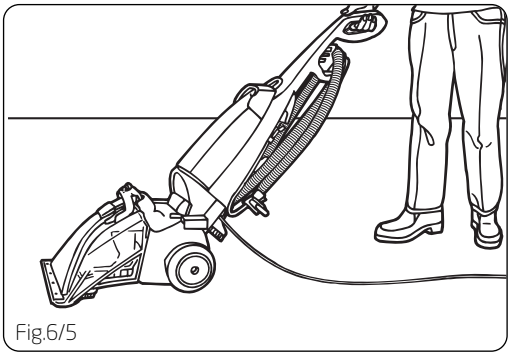

Fig.6/5

⚠ IMPORTANT: For best cleaning results use a steady, moderate, forward and backward motion.

⚠ IMPORTANT: If the sound of the motor changes to a high pitch, this indicates the dirty water tank is full and must be emptied.

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7. Accessories

For cleaning upholstery and stairs

Put carpet washer in its upright position, then turn off (Fig 7/1).

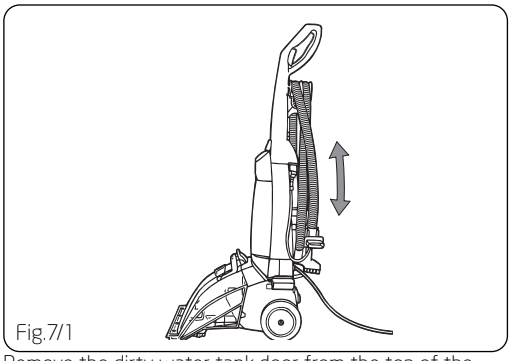

Fig.7/1

Remove the dirty water tank door from the top of the dirty water tank (Fig 7/2).

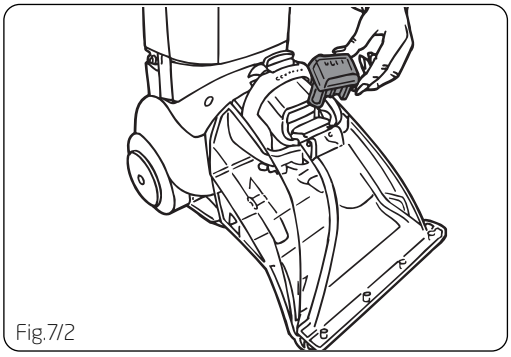

Fig.7/2

Insert the up-holstery/stair hose adaptor into the opening on top of the dirty water tank (Fig 7/3).

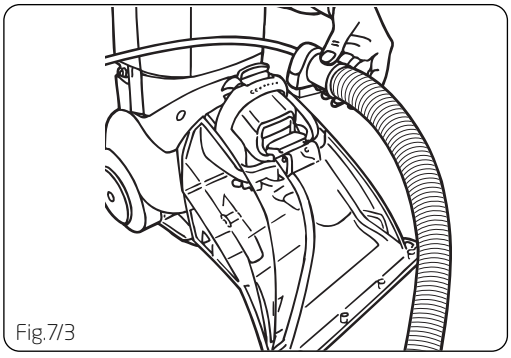

Fig.7/3

Connect the hose solution tube into the fitting on the lower left side of handle facing carpet washer (Fig 7/4).

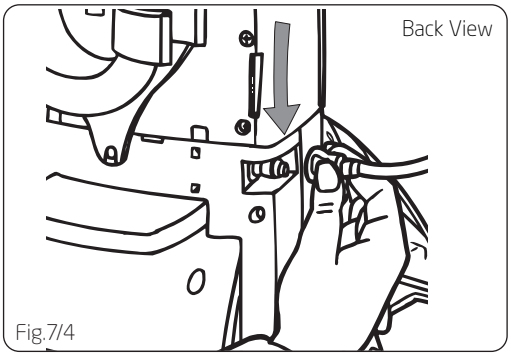

Fig.7/4

Upholstery / stair attachment

Step on power on/off pedal to turn cleaner on.

Connect desired attachment by pressing tool onto the end of the attachment hose until the locking button snaps into the hole (Fig 7/5).

⚠ WARNING: Keep spray pointed away from face. Failure to do so may result in personal injury.

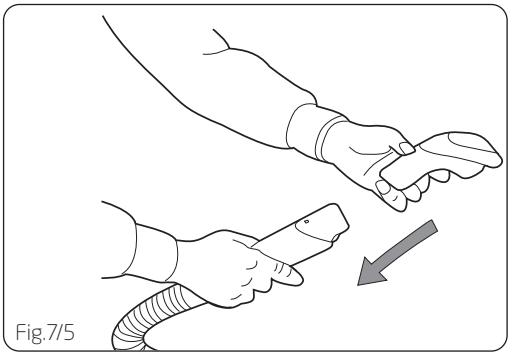

Fig.7/5

⚠ NOTE: Do not oversaturate the upholstery.

⚠ IMPORTANT: For best cleaning results use steady, moderate, forward and backward motion. Make sure upholstery is dry before use.

⚠ NOTE: If the dirty water tank door is not replaced, there will be no suction through the nozzle and the unit will not operate properly.

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To remove, press down on the locking button and pull the tool away from the hose. (Fig 7/6).

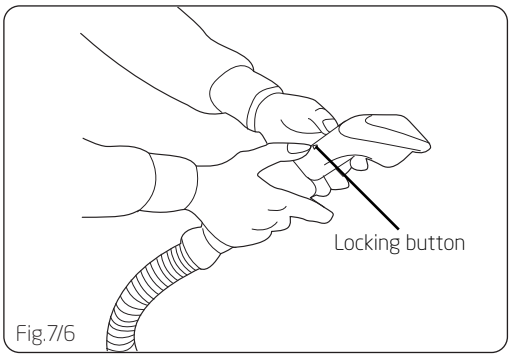

Fig.7/6

Hold the tool approximately 1" above the stained surface. Press the solution dispense trigger to apply cleaning solution to the stained area (Fig 7/7)

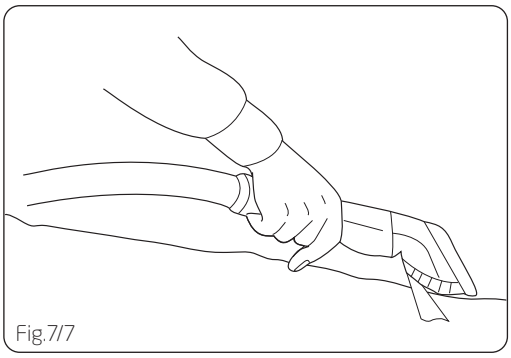
Fig.7/7

Gently scrub the stained area with the brush on the tool until the stain is completely removed. Release the solution dispense trigger and continue moving the tool over cleaned area to remove as much liquid as possible. (Fig 7/8)

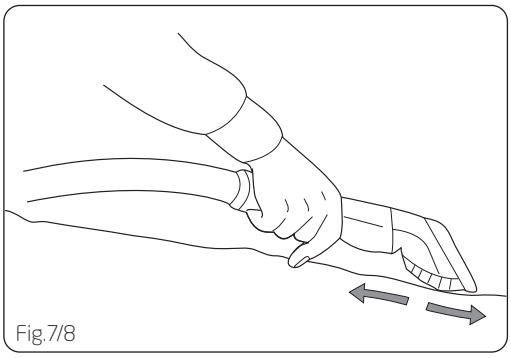
Fig.7/8

8. Filters

Emptying and cleaning the dirty water tank and filter

The carpet washer is equipped with a shut off valve within the dirty water tank. When the dirty water tank becomes full, the float will rise, shutting off the air flow through the nozzle.

⚠ NOTE: The float in the carpet washer will shut off the suction when the dirty water tank is full. For best results, use smooth, steady motion keeping the nozzle flat against the carpet. Tipping the carpet washer and breaking the seal of the nozzle and carpet will cause the float to rise and shut off the suction. Once the float is activated, empty the dirty water tank. If the dirty water tank does not appear full, press the Power on/off pedal and wait for the float to settle and reset. If the float repeatedly shuts off the suction, empty the dirty water tank. For best results, use only Vax AAA Carpet Cleaner. Other solutions may generate excessive foam which will cause the float to rise prematurely and shut off the suction. Use 4 (four) capfuls of Vax AAA Carpet Cleaner per fill up of the clean water tank. A higher concentration of carpet cleaner may cause excessive foaming.

⚠ NOTE: There will be a noticeable change in the pitch of the cleaner. This indicates a need to empty the dirty water tank.

⚠ WARNING: To reduce the risk of injury from moving parts - unplug before emptying the dirty water tank.

Grasp top of dirty water tank handle and push latch to release (Fig 8/1).

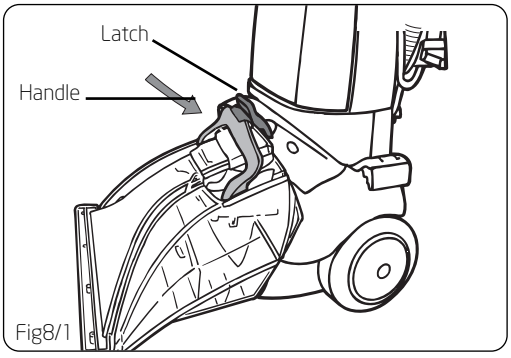

Fig8/1

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Grasp handle and pull tank out of base (Fig 8/2).

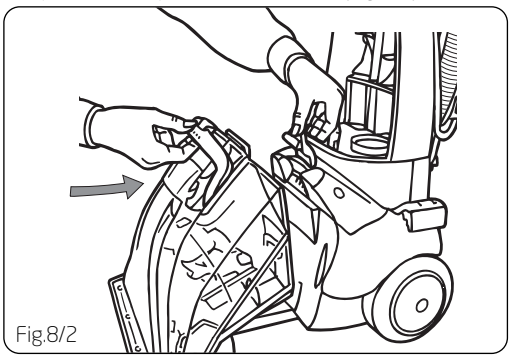


Fig.8/2

Remove dirty water tank lid (Fig 8/3).

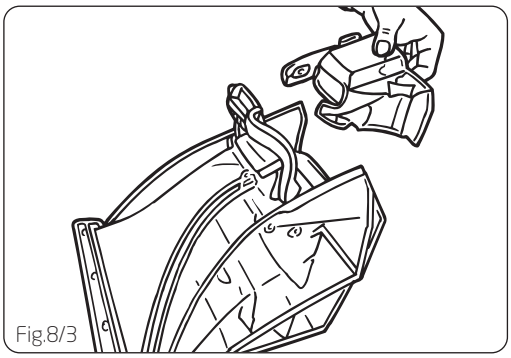


Fig.8/3

To empty dirty water tank, grasp handle with one hand and nozzle with the other and empty into sink. To clean, rinse tank thoroughly with clean water and let dry (Fig 8/4).

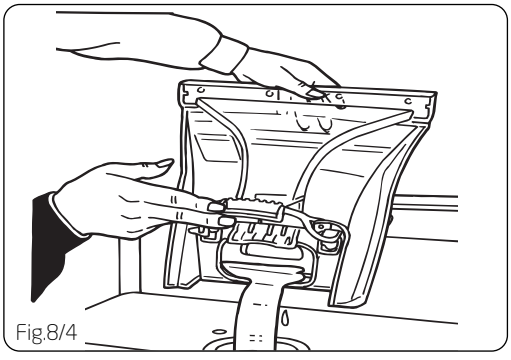
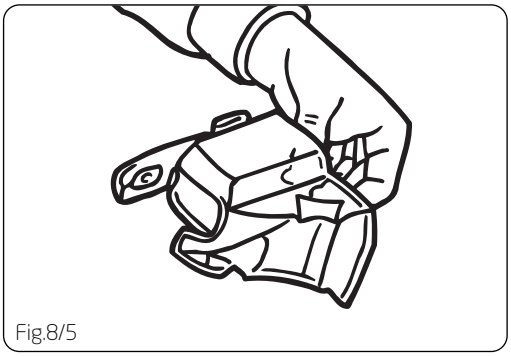


Fig.8/4

Remove filter from rear of dirty water tank lid (Fig 8/5).



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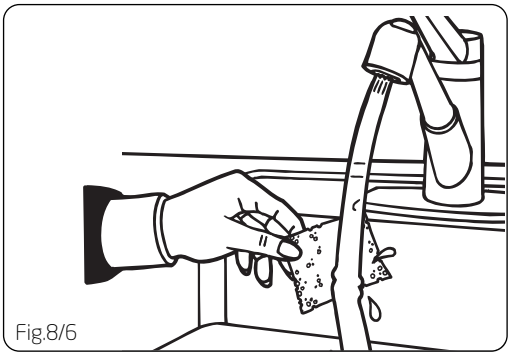
Rinse dirty water tank and filter with warm tap water. Wipe and let dry thoroughly before storing to prevent mildew from forming (Fig 8/6).



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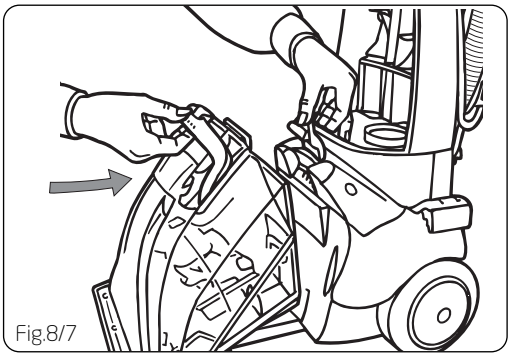
NOTE: Do not use any chemicals when cleaning.

Replacing dirty water tank in base of carpet washer

While making sure the front of the dirty water tank is resting on the base, place the rear of the tank into the base of the cleaner (Fig 8/7).



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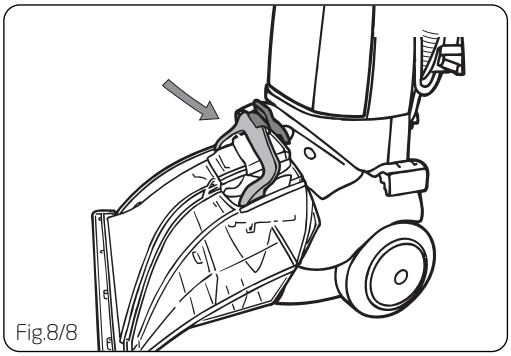
Push handle down until it latches (Fig 8/8).



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⚠ NOTE: Do not store cleaner with solution in reservoir or dirty water in dirty water tank. Mineral deposits and mildew can form which will affect the performance of the carpet washer.

9. Storage

Transporting & storing carpet washer

Put handle in upright locked position. Turn unit off. Store cord and above floor cleaning attachments if used (Fig 9/1).

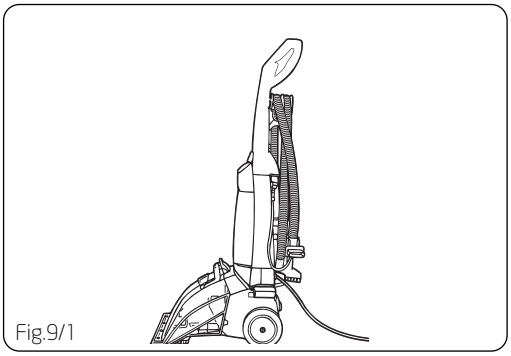

Fig.9/1

Tilt unit back on rear wheels and push forward (Fig 9/2).

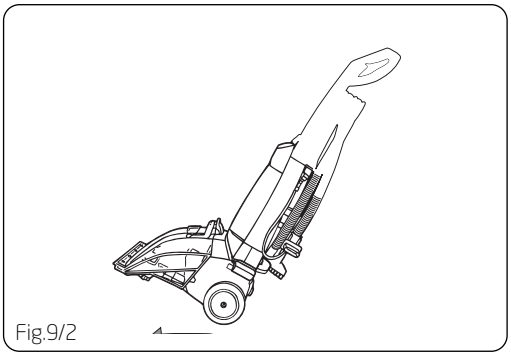

Fig.9/2

⚠ NOTE: The unit can also be transported between rooms or floors using the carry handle.

Before Storing Carpet Washer:

1. Empty and rinse clean water tank and dirty water tank.
2. Replace empty clean water tank and dirty water tank.
3. Ensure that brushes and underside of unit are fully dry prior to storing on a carpeted or wood surface.

⚠ NOTE: Do not store unit with a full clean water tank or dirty water tank.

Do not transport the carpet washer with either the clean water tank or dirty water tank full.

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10. Troubleshooting

⚠ WARNING: To reduce risk of personal injury, unplug carpet washer before servicing.

PROBLEM: Carpet washer won't pick-up or low suction

Cause: The dirty water tank door is not installed.
Solution: Insert the dirty water tank door.

Cause: The dirty water tank door is not installed correctly.
Solution: Review placing dirty water tank in base of carpet washer.

Cause: The dirty water tank is full.
Solution: Empty the dirty water tank.

Cause: The dirty water passage clogged.
Solution: Clean the dirty water tank.

PROBLEM: Water escaping from carpet washer

Cause: The dirty water tank is full.
Solution: Empty the dirty water tank.

Cause: The dirty water tank is not installed correctly.
Solution: Review placing dirty water tank in base of cleaner.

Cause: The clean water tank is not installed properly.
Solution: Review clean water tank installation.

PROBLEM: Carpet washer won't dispense solution

Cause: The clean water tank is not installed properly.
Solution: Review How to Operate.

Cause: The carpet washer needs a service.
Solution: Take it to service center or contact Vax Careline.

PROBLEM: Carpet washer attachments won't pick up

Cause: The hose is clogged.
Solution: Remove the hose and tools; remove obstruction.

Cause: The dirty water tank is full.
Solution: Empty the dirty water tank.

PROBLEM: Carpet washer attachments won't spray

Cause: The solution tube is not connected properly.
Solution: Connect the solution tube properly.

11. UK Service & Help

Vax Care 0870 1129 145 (UK only)

Monday-Friday 8.00am to 6.00pm
Saturday-Sunday 9.00am to 5.00pm

An answerphone is available outside of these hours. Any queries or concerns about using the Vax, call the Vax Careline. Calls are charged at the UK national rate.

Please make a note of the serial number and model number of the vacuum cleaner before calling. There are over 400 approved Vax Service Agents in the UK. For the nearest Service Agent, please call the Vax Careline.

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12. Technical Specification

Power supply:	220-240/50Hz
Motor power:	900W
Clean water tank volume:	4 litres
Dirty water tank volume:	2.3 litres
Filter system:	Foam block
Cord length:	12m
Weight:	9kg
Noise (IEC60704-2-1):	<84dB(A)

Subject to technical change without notice.

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EEC STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

Manufacturer/EEC importer: Vax Limited, hereby on our own responsibility, declare that the product VCW-01 Carpet Washer is manufactured in compliance with the following Directives:

Safety: 2006/95/EC Low Voltage Directive
EMC: 2004/108/EC Electromagnetic Compatibility Directive

Waste electrical products should not be disposed of with household waste. Please recycle where facilities exist. Check with your Local Authority or retailer for recycling advice.

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